



**MINUTES for
Firefighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Personnel's Civil Service Commission
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Monday, April 8, 2019**

The Firefighters', Police Officers', and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission convened in a Special Called Meeting on Monday, April 8, 2019 at City Hall Boards and Commissions Room 1101, W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Board Members in Attendance:

Commission Chair Jolsna Thomas
Commission Vice Chair Ronald Morgan
Commission Member Eyna Canales-Zarate

Staff in Attendance:

Barry Cook, Civil Service Commissioner
Mecia Griffin, Civil Service Coordinator
Michael Sullivan, Civil Service Coordinator
Ann Skowronski, Assistant City Attorney

Alan Mynk, Fire Specialist, Austin Fire Dept.
Julie Muegge, Lieutenant, Austin Fire Dept.
Geoff Mitchell, Lieutenant, Austin Fire Dept.

CALL TO ORDER

Civil Service Commission Chair Jolsna Thomas called the Commission Meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approve the minutes from the Firefighters', Police Officers', and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission Regular Meeting of January 7, 2019.

The minutes from the Regular Meeting of January 7, 2019, were approved on Commission Vice Chair Morgan's motion and Commission Member Canales-Zarate second, on a 3-0 vote.

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Hear and rule on appeal(s) from the 2019 Fire Lieutenant written promotional examination administered on March 25, 2019 pursuant to the Texas Local

Government Code Chapter 143.034, Article 16 of the Agreement between the City of Austin and the Austin Firefighters Association Local 975, and Rule 7 of the City of Austin Fire Fighters', Police Officers' and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations.

AFD Fire Specialist James Taylor spoke on examination question 34 to withdraw his appeal of the question.

The following AFD Fire Specialists addressed the Commission regarding examination question 34: JJ Gonzalez, Tyler Naylor, Erin Dempsey, Troy Etheridge, Jeremy Howard, Travis Blasingame, and Patrick Healey.

Commission Member Canales-Zarate moved to deny the appeal on exam question 34, and let the question remain as keyed. Commission Vice Chair Morgan seconded the motion. The motion to deny the appeal of question 34 was approved 2-1 with Chair Thomas voting no.

The following AFD Fire Specialists addressed the Commission regarding examination question 83: Richard Vecchione, Jeremy Howard, Travis Blasingame, Julie Hall, James Taylor, Ryan Thompson, Troy Etheridge, Erin Dempsey, Patrick Healey, and Suzanne LaFollette.

Commission Vice Chair Morgan moved to deny the appeal on examination question 83, and let the question remain as keyed. Commission Member Canales-Zarate seconded the motion. The motion to deny the appeal of question 83 was approved 3-0.

The following AFD Fire Specialists addressed the Commission regarding examination question 84: Richard Vecchione, Michael Naglieri, Jeremy Howard, Erin Dempsey, Ryan Thompson, and Troy Etheridge.

Commission Member Canales-Zarate moved to deny the appeal on exam question 84, and let the question remain as keyed. Commission Vice Chair Morgan seconded the motion. The motion to deny the appeal of question 84 was approved 3-0.

3. STAFF BRIEFINGS

- a. Report from the Civil Service Office regarding exam processes, disciplinary hearings and fit for duty actions.

The report was given by Civil Service Administrator Barry Cook.

- b. Future Meeting Schedule

Commission Vice Chair Morgan noted he would be unable to attend the Commission meeting scheduled for June 3, and Mr. Cook noted we will likely cancel the June 3 meeting, and hold a Special Called meeting in June to follow an examination for Fire Specialist currently scheduled for June 6.

4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No members of the public signed up to speak on this item.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Commission Vice Chair Morgan made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Commission Member Canales-Zarate seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:01am to no objection.